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1. Work has been started on a mine containing copper and two other ores in the mountains 50 to 60 kilometers from Kurdzhali. The management consists entirely of Soviets and most of the technicians are also Soviets. Production is "very large."
2. The entrance is on the Bulgarian side of the border, but two-thirds of the mine extends into Greece. There is no road link between Kurdzhali and the mines.

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Comment: The border area southwest of Kirdzhali is the location of the extensive Gorubso mines which are primarily lead and zinc mines, and produce copper only as a by-product, according to previous reports. For further information concerning the Gorubso mines, [redacted]

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